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U.S. Patent No. 5,206,925 (Nakazawa *et al.*);

U.S. Patent No. 5,303,319 (Ford *et al.*);

European Patent Application No. EP 0 867 985 A1, published September 30, 1998; and

European Patent Application No. EP 0 890 850 A1, published January 13, 1999.

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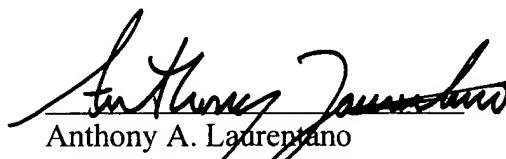
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